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Kingsby Grove N.W. Bay
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Dear Sir

My mind has been long impressed with the idea that something should be done to mitigate the extreme severity of our Criminal Law, and as I know of no society of men more zealous in the cause of humanity than that of which you have long shown yourself so worthy a member, it is not this account I have thought it right to address you.

In all parts of Europe there have been meetings held to advocate the abolishing the sentence of Death, I do not go so far as that, but I do most earnestly hope to see the day when no man shall suffer death except for Murder. I need not call your attention to the numerous cases of persons suffering death in these colonies for minor offences. I wish to see the same Laws here, that there are in England when Death in no case is carried into effect, but in that of Murder. Situated as we all are, in the midst of a corrupt population, it behoves us to do what we can to shew the poor victims of crime, that we can feel for them, acts of kindness may

do much to restore them. What I would hope is that
you would consult with the numerous advocates of
humanity around you, & try whether some steps
might not be taken to petition the Government to
put a stop to all execution but for murder, it only
wants some one to start the subject, & by the Blessing
of God it may, if He sees fit, be done. If a meeting
was called surely all good men would unite in so
human an object

Having thus stated what I have now done
I leave it under your consideration, earnestly praying that
our Heavenly Father will so direct your thoughts that you
may be led to advocate so just a cause & I then shall
not fear for the result, zeal may do much with those who
trust in God

I remain

Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

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